

The blue print for greatness

Nehemiah's example

Part 14

1. Recognise the presence of God

"When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven." Nehemiah 1:4

"Remember this in my favour, O my God." Nehemiah 13:31b

i. He is everywhere all the time

- a. Not restricted to one place at a time

"I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!" Psalm 139:7

- b. He is with me all the time

"And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

- c. He is present in a special way when believers gather in unity

"For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20

ii. He is all powerful all the time

"I am the Lord, who made all things. I alone stretched out the heavens. Who was with me when I made the earth?" Isaiah 44:24

iii. He sees everything all the time

"Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes" Hebrews 4:13

"You know when I sit down or stand up.

You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.

³*You see me when I travel*

and when I rest at home.

You know everything I do.

⁴*You know what I am going to say*

even before I say it, Lord." Psalm 139:2-4

2. Submit to the authority of the Word of God

"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires." Hebrews 4:12

3. Courageously obey the call of God

"Jesus called out to them, "Come follow me and I will teach you how to fish for people. And they left their nets at once and followed him." Mark 1:17-18

"Then I was terrified, but I replied..." Nehemiah 2:2b